### MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

| Property Name: Taylor's Venture  | Inventory Number: CE-148   |
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| Address: 168 Winch Road  | City: Perryville Zip Code: 21903-1619  |
| County: Cecil  | USGS Topographic Map: Harve De Grace   |
|  |  |
| Owner: George F. & George W. Porter  | Is the property being evaluated a district?yes   |
|  | Tax Account ID Number:   |
|  | Agency: Cecil County Department of Public Works  |
| Site visit by MHT Staff: noyes   | Name:Date:   |
| Is the property located within a historic district?  | yes xno  |
| If the property is within a district   | District Inventory Number:   |
| NR-listed districtyes Eligible district  | yes District Name:   |
| Date to have been seen and the seen seen and th | rceyesno Non-contributing but eligible in another context  |
|  |  |
| If the property is not within a district (or the proper  | ty is a district)  |
| Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible X  | yesno  |
| Criteria: x A B x C D Co   | nsiderations:A_BC_D_E_F_G_x_None   |
| Documentation on the property/district is presented  | in:  |
| Description of Property and Eligibility Determinat   | ion: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)  |
| majority of the property is west of the Principio Cr<br>barn, and nine agricultural outbuildings. All build<br>integrity of the farmstead. The farmstead sets on a<br>small pond. The main dwelling and barn date to the<br>subsequent historical periods. The majority of the<br>of the non-contributing office/shop. The dwelling<br>frame portion. Variation in the height of each sect   | by of Cecil County north of U.S. 40 on the east side of Winch Road. The eek and south of the CSX Railroad. The property consists of a dwelling, a sings except for a modern cement-block office/shop contributed to the historic hill and is surrounded by rolling agricultural fields, wooded areas, and a see late-eighteenth and early-nineteenth centuries, both with additions from outbuildings date to the first half of the twentieth century, with the exception at Taylor's Venture is a three-part house consisting of a brick, a stone, and a ion and linear connection to each other gives the house a unique telescopic ter of buildings still reflects the historic appearance of agricultural farm |
| architecture. The property is not associated with in<br>its ability to yield information important in prehistory   | ter of Historic Places under Criterion A for agriculture and Criterion C for adividuals significant in history (Criterion B) and has not been evaluated for bry or history (Criterion D). The property has been in agricultural use since we of centuries of Cecil County's rich, rural architectural history.   |
| MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW   |  |
| Eligibility recommended Eligibility  Criteria: A B C D  Comments:  | Considerations:ABC_D_E_F_GNone   |
|  |  |
| Reviewer, Office of Preservation Servi   | 4/21/04<br>ces ) / Date  |
| Burte  | 5/5/04   |
| Reviewer, NK Brogram   | Date   |

NR Eligible: yes \_\_\_

no \_\_\_

# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST NR-ELIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Continuation Sheet No. 1

The property maintains its original *location* on the west bank of Principio Creek. The *design* of the largest portion of the dwelling exhibits a rural, vernacular interpretation of Federal architecture, particularly noticeable in the decorative detail of the original front door surround, windows, and dormers. Quality *workmanship* is evident in the brick and stone construction of the dwelling, as well as the stonework on the property's main barn. In addition, buildings on the property retain a high percentage of original *materials*, such as slate roofs and original wooden sash windows. As there is little modern development in the surrounding area and the majority of the property remains in productive agricultural use, the property's *setting* retains a high level of historic integrity. Taylor's Venture continues to impart a *feeling* of eighteenth, nineteenth, and early twentieth century agriculture. The property has no significant *association* with persons or events important in history.

Prepared by:

Melissa Hess, KCI Technologies

Date Prepared: February 9, 2004

CAPSULE SUMMARY
Taylor's Venture (CE-148)
168 Winch Road
Perryville vicinity
c. 1800
Private

Taylor's Venture is located in the Perryville vicinity of Cecil County north of U.S. 40 on the east side of Winch Road. The majority of the property is west of the Principio Creek and south of the CSX Railroad. The farmstead sets on a hill and is surrounded by rolling agricultural fields, wooded areas, and a small pond. The property consists of a dwelling, a barn, and nine agricultural outbuildings. The dwelling and barn date to the late-eighteenth and early-nineteenth centuries, both with additions from subsequent historical periods. The majority of the outbuildings date to the first half of the twentieth century, with the exception of a non-contributing office/shop. The dwelling at Taylor's Venture is a three-part house consisting of a brick, a stone, and a frame portion. Variation in the height of each section and linear connection to each other gives the house a unique telescopic look. The landscape surround the farmstead's cluster of buildings still reflects its historic appearance of agricultural farm fields and wooded areas.

Taylor's Venture is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A for agriculture and Criterion C for architecture. The property has been in agricultural use since the eighteenth century and its buildings are reflective of centuries of Cecil County's rich, rural architectural history.

The seat of the Taylor family for generations, Taylor's Venture dates to the early eighteenth century. A 1720s map notes the area as "Thomas Taylor's Land." The first European ownership of this land was as part of a large patent granted to Irishman George Talbot in 1680 with the provision that he bring six hundred and forty persons of British or Irish descent to settle the area at his own expense. The name Taylor's Venture most likely originated with John Taylor, who deeded the property to his sons in the late 1790s. Members of the Taylor family continued to own the land until the mid-nineteenth century. Subsequent owners divided the land over the years. By the early twentieth century, the property was once again combined to its original acreage from three separate deeds. In the 1940s, owners restored the dwelling to its original colonial appearance.

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| 1. Name of F                                     | Property  | (indicate preferred na  | ame)  |                    |   |
|--|---|---|---|--------------------|---|
| historic   | Taylor's Ventur   | re  |   |                    |   |
| other  | The End of All  | Strife: Strife's End  |   |                    |   |
| 2. Location                                      |   |   |   |                    |   |
| street and number                                | 168 Winch Roa   | d   |   |                    | not for publication                                     |
| city, town                                       | Perryville  |   |   | <u>x</u> \         | vicinity  |
| county   | Cecil   |   |   |                    | 3   |
| 3. Owner of                                      | Property  | (give names and mailing a   | addresses of all ow   | ners)              |   |
| name   | George F. and C   | George W. Porter  |   | -                  |   |
| street and number                                | 168 Winch Roa   | d   |   | telephone          |   |
| city, town                                       | Perryville  |   | state MD  | zip code 21        | 903-1619  |
| 4. Location                                      |   |   |   | 1252 5-15- 560     |   |
| courthouse, registry                             | y of deeds, etc.  | Cecil County Land Records   | li  | ber 1352 folio 569 |   |
| city, town                                       | Elkton  | tax map 30  | tax parcel 68   | tax ID nu          | mber 07 009976  |
| Contri Contri Deterr Deterr                      | buting Resource is<br>buting Resource is<br>mined Eligible for<br>mined Ineligible for<br>ded by HABS/HAI<br>ic Structure Repor | rt or Research Report at MHT  | d Register<br>and Register  |                    |   |
| CategorydistrictX_building(s)structuresiteobject | Ownershippublicboth   | Current Function  X agriculture commerce/trade defense domestic education funerary government | landscape recreation/cult religion social transportation work in progre |                    | Noncontributing  building sites structure objects Total |

### 7. Description

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#### Condition

| excellent | deteriorated |  |
|-----------|--------------|--|
| X good    | ruins        |  |
| fair      | altered      |  |

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Taylor's Venture is located in the Perryville vicinity of Cecil County north of U.S. 40 on the east side of Winch Road. The majority of the property is west of the Principio Creek and south of the CSX Railroad. The property consists of a dwelling, a barn, and nine agricultural outbuildings. All buildings except for a modern cement-block office/shop contributed to the historic integrity of the farmstead. The farmstead sets on a hill and is surrounded by rolling agricultural fields, wooded areas, and a small pond. From Winch Road, a gravel lane lined with Cedar trees approaches the farmstead's cluster of historic buildings. The main dwelling and barn date to the late-eighteenth and early-nineteenth centuries, both with additions from subsequent historical periods. The majority of the outbuildings date to the first half of the twentieth century, with the exception of the non-contributing office/shop (Photographs 1-2).

The dwelling at Taylor's Venture is a three-part house consisting of a brick, a stone, and a frame portion. Variation in the height of each section and linear connection to each other gives the house a unique telescopic look, particularly when viewed from the front façade, or south elevation (Photograph 3).

The largest portion of the dwelling is a two-and-one-half story, gabled roof, brick structure, three bays long and two bays deep, with two exterior end brick chimneys. This portion sits on a clearly visible stone foundation, as the basement is raised. The brickwork on all four elevations is common bond, though the brickwork on the front façade is of slightly higher quality workmanship than the other three sides. The windows of the front façade are wooden, six-over-six double hung sash windows topped with flat, brick arches and set on stone lintels. The wood paneled front door features a carved Federal-style door surround and a four-pane transom. The first story windows are missing their original shutters. The second story windows feature louvered wood shutters attached with decorative iron shutter stops. The slate-covered roof of this portion of the house features four Federal-style dormers (two on either side of the roof) with wooden, double-hung sash windows. The west elevation has two false windows where an interior stair is placed. The rear façade, or north elevation, features a small, gable roof, partially-engaged, one-story porch with a wood pediment over the back door (Photographs 4-8).

The second portion of the house is also two-and-one-half stories and three bays wide, but only one bay deep and somewhat shorter in height than the brick portion of the house. This stone structure is the central portion of the house and possibly pre-dates the brick portion. It has a stone foundation, a slate-covered gable roof, and one exterior-end brick chimney. The stonework on the front façade (south elevation) features quoining and multi-colored stones. The front door is wood paneled and protected by a modern aluminum screen door. The windows on this portion are all wooden, six-over-six, double-hung sash windows. The front façade features a two-story, fully-engaged portico with slender, squared wood columns (Photograph 9-10).

Built in the first half of the twentieth century, the third portion of the house is a one-story frame structure that serves as a kitchen wing. This portion is two bays wide and one bay deep and has a slate gable roof, as well as a two-story, brick exterior-end chimney. The concrete foundation is scored to resemble stone. This portion is sided with weatherboard and also has wooden, six-over-six, double-hung sash windows. The rear façade, or north elevation, has a small wood portico over the wood paneled back door (Photographs 11-13).

As a whole, the three portions of the house represent distinct architectural periods and styles, displaying quality workmanship and a cohesive, balanced design (Photograph 14).

The property contains a Pennsylvania bank barn with a more recent, similar-sized structure attached to its northeast corner. The older section of the barn has a stone foundation, a wood-sided frame structure, and an asphalt-shingled gable roof. The stonework of the stable walls is similar to the stonework on the central portion of the dwelling. It also features an unenclosed forebay that extends over the stable yard. The barn roof has two gabled vents. The south elevation (gable end) has a Victorian-era scalloped, wooden vergeboard at the roofline. The newer portion is also frame and wood-sided with gabled rooftop vents, but has a concrete block foundation. Both sections of the barn are painted red. Near the point where the two segments of the barn are attached sets an orange-colored, tile silo with a conical, asphalt-shingled roof (Photograph 15-19). The property's outbuildings consist of several wood-

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framed or concrete sheds of various sizes and uses. Other structures included a hand-pump and a concrete watering trough (Photographs 20-22).

The landscape surround the farmstead's cluster of buildings still reflects the historic appearance of agricultural farm fields and wooded areas. As there is little modern development in the surrounding area, Taylor's Venture continues to reflect centuries of Cecil County's agricultural heritage (Photographs 23-24).

| 8. Signific   | ance   |  |   | Inventory No. CE-148  |
|---|--|--|---|---|
| Period  | Areas of Significance  | Check and j  | ustify below  |   |
| 1600-1699<br><u>X</u> 1700-1799<br><u>X</u> 1800-1899<br>1900-1999<br>2000- | <ul> <li>X agriculture</li> <li>archeology</li> <li>X architecture</li> <li>art</li> <li>commerce</li> <li>communications</li> <li>community planning</li> <li>conservation</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>economics</li> <li>education</li> <li>engineering</li> <li>entertainment/</li> <li>recreation</li> <li>ethnic heritage</li> <li>exploration/</li> <li>settlement</li> </ul> | health/medicine industry invention landscape architectur law literature maritime history military | performing arts philosophy politics/government re religion science social history transportation other: |
| Specific dates  | Unknown  |  | Architect/Builder Unl   | known   |
| Construction da   | ates c. 1800   |  |   | E   |
| Evaluation for:   | National Register  |  | Maryland Register   | not evaluated   |
|   |  |  |   |   |

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

Taylor's Venture is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A for agriculture and Criterion C for architecture. The property has been in agricultural use since the eighteenth century and its buildings are reflective of centuries of Cecil County's rich, rural architectural history.

The seat of the Taylor family for generations, the property known as "Taylor's Venture" dates to the early eighteenth century. A 1720s map notes the area as "Thomas Taylor's Land." The first European ownership of this land was as part of a large patent granted to Irishman George Talbot in 1680 with the provision that he bring six hundred and forty persons of British or Irish descent to settle the area at his own expense. Originally named "Susquehanna Manor," Talbot increased the patent, which was later named "New Connaught Manor," until it extended from the North East River to the Octoraro Creek and from the Chesapeake Bay to a point some miles north of the present boundary between Maryland and Pennsylvania. I

The name Taylor's Venture most likely originated with John Taylor, who deeded the property to his sons in the late 1790s. During the early 1800s, his son, Captain Thomas Taylor, lived at the property with his wife and ten children, many of whom are buried in a family cemetery on the property. Members of the Taylor family continued to own the land until the mid-nineteenth century.<sup>2</sup>

Subsequent owners divided the land over the years. Land records indicate that a Samuel Hughes received a deed for a 22 acre tract of land called "The End of All Strife," which included the present estate. By the early twentieth century, the property was once again combined under John E. Jackson's ownership from three separate deeds. In the 1940s, property owners Mr. And Mrs. Alfred C. Bohn, of New York, restored the property to its original colonial appearance. They called the estate "Strife's End," an abbreviation of "The End of All Strife." Since 1962, the Porter family has owned the property reverting to the original name "Taylor's Venture." <sup>3</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Morton Field Taylor, "A Historical Sketch of Taylor's Venture," The Upper Shoreman, Vol. 8 No. 8, 1970, p.3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*,p.21.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, p.35.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Blumgart, Pamela James et. al. At the Head of the Bay: A Cultural and Architectural History of Cecil County, Maryland.

Crownsville, MD: The Maryland Historical Trust Press, 1996.

Maryland Historical Trust. Historic American Building Survey Inventory. Strife's End or Taylor's Venture. 1968.

Taylor, Morton Field. "A Historical Sketch of Taylor's Venture." The Upper Shoreman Vol. 8 No. 8 (1970): 1, 3, 15, 21, 29, 35.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 163 acres Acreage of historical setting 161 acres Quadrangle name Harve De Grace

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

#### Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary for the property is tax parcel 30 68. It is bound roughly by U.S. 40 to the south, Principio Creek to the east, and Winch Road to the west. The boundary encompasses the property's historic structures and includes surrounding agricultural fields, as they are reflective of the property's historic agricultural significance.

### 11. Form Prepared by

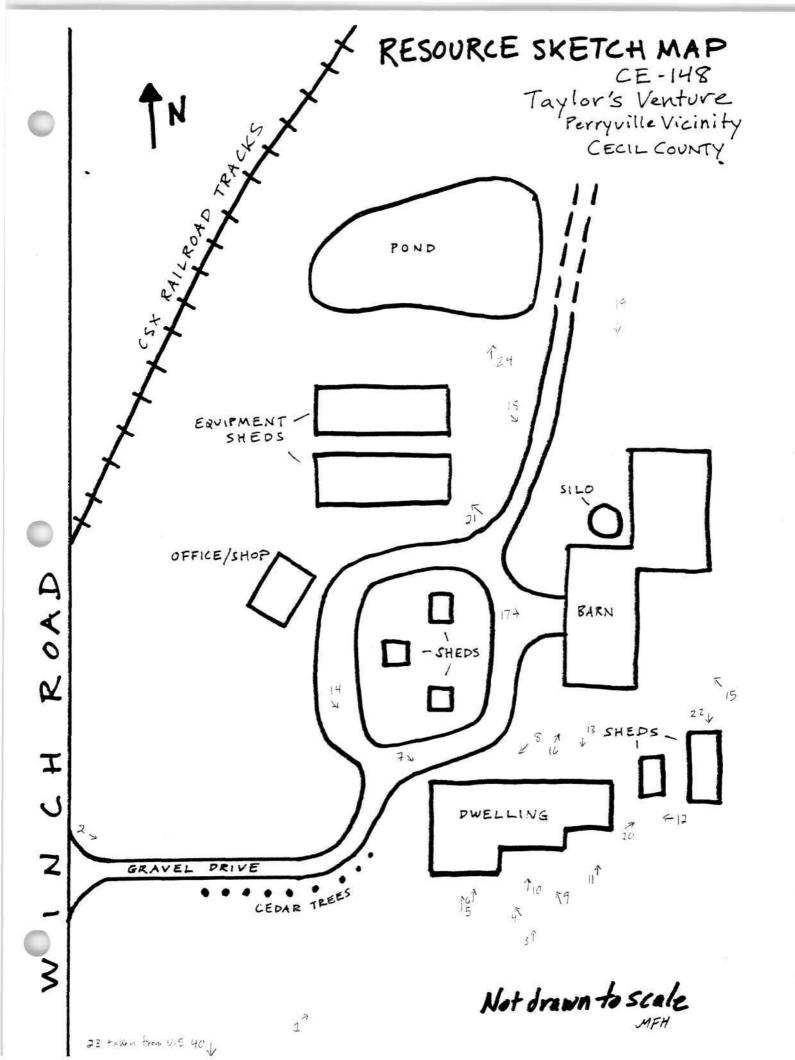
| name/title      | Melissa Hess/Architectural Historian |           |               |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| organization    | KCI Technologies, Inc.               | date      | February 2004 |
| street & number | 5001 Louise Drive                    | telephone | 717-691-1340  |
| city or town    | Mechanicsburg                        | state     | PA            |

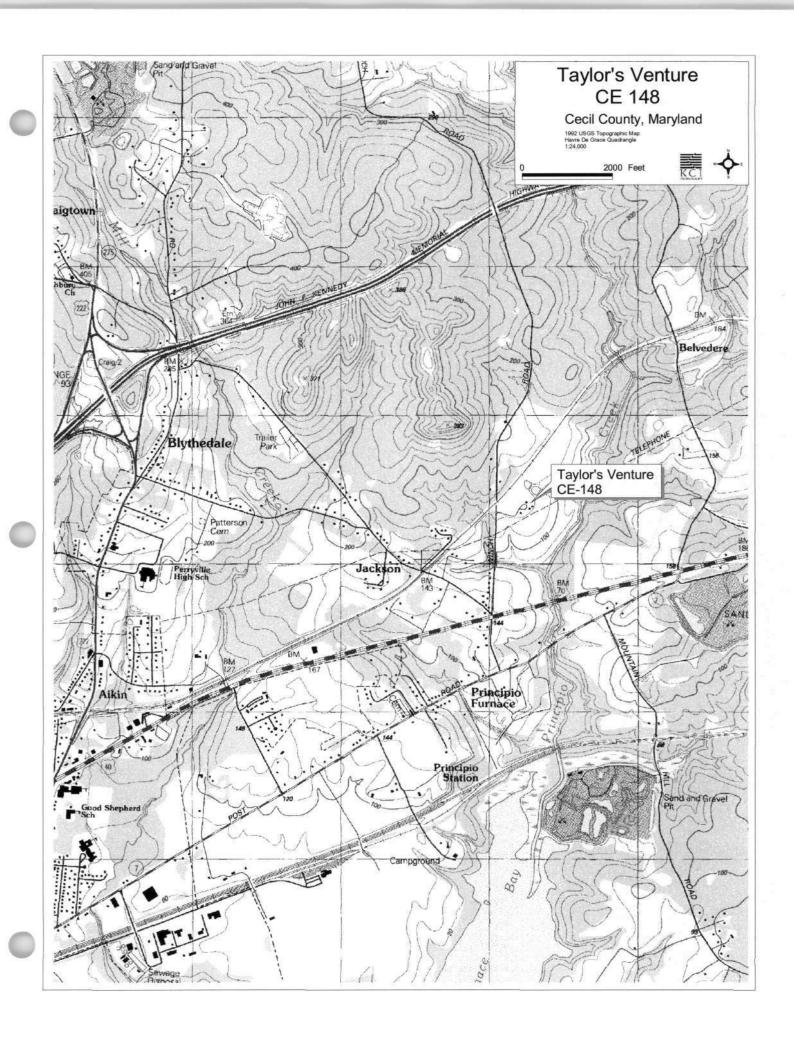
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CE-148 Taylor's Venture Cecil County, MD Melissa Hess Jan. 2004 MD SHPO Dwelling, West elevation, Facing SE 7824



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Form 10-445 (5/62)

1. STATE Manyland HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY COUNTY Cecil County INVENTORY CE- 148 TOWN Principio Furnace VICINITY Principio Furnace 2. NAME Strife's End Taylor's Venture winch Road, 3 mile winth & Rt 40 DATE OR PERIOD warry 19th Century ORIGINAL OWNER STYLE Federal ORIGINAL USE dualling PRESENT OWNER WATTERS. George F. Porter ARCHITECT BUILDER PRESENT USE Quelling WALL CONSTRUCTION Bruck - stone - frame 3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE NO. OF STORIES 212 - 2 - 1

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

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three pail Strife's End ( or Taylor's Venture) is a telescopic house of three parts. The largest portion is a two-and-one\_halfstory brick structure, resembling a federal townhouse, three bays long and two bays deep. The brick is laid in common bond, and there are flat arches over the windows of the south facade. There are two dormers on the roof. The northwest bays on the gable are false windows, undoubtedly where the stair is placed (as at Holly Hall and Mt. Ararat).

The second portion of the house is a three-bay one-room deep granite structure which may pre-date the brick portion. The south facade has a center door, but the north door is located on the westernmest bay. There is a two-story porch in front of the stone section.

To the east of the stone house is a two-bay one-story frame wing which appears to be a recent addition.

he windows on the NN gable are false

6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.

the Upper Shoreman, Aug, 1963

bx w neg x contact 7. PHOTOGRAPH

9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER Michael Bourne Maryland Historical Trust

DATE OF RECORD April 17, 1968



Strife's End Taylor's Venture South Elevation MOB/1968 NEG - MD Hist. Trust CE - 148